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Reply to Office Action of June 12, 2007

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the final Official Action dated June 12, 2007.

Claims 13-31, 33, 34, 36, and 37 have been previously canceled without prejudice as drawn to a

nonelected invention. The Official Action rejected claims 1-12, 32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) based on Antonin U.S. Publication No. 2002/0138446 ("Antonin") in view of Shooks

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019781 ("Shooks"). This ground of rejection is addressed below.

Claims 1, 32, and 35 have been amended to be more clear and distinct. New claims 38-50 have

been added. Claims 1-12, 32, 35 and 38-49 are presently pending.

The Art Rejections

All of the rejections are based on Antonin, in combination with Shooks. As an initial

matter, it is not admitted that Antonin is in fact prior art. It purports to claim the benefit of a

provisional application, but said application bears little similarity to the later filed regular

application which was filed not long prior to the filing date of the present application. As

addressed in greater detail below, Antonin and Shooks do not support the Official Action's

reading of them and the rejections based thereupon should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Further, the Applicants do not acquiesce in the analysis of Antonin and Shooks made by the

Official Action and respectfully traverse the Official Action's analysis underlying its rejections.

The Official Action rejected claims 1-12, 32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

unpatentable over Antonin in view of Shooks. In light of the present amendments to claims 1,

32, and the language of newly added independent claim 38 this ground of rejection is respectfully

traversed.

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Antonin is entitled "System and Method for Providing Security for Financial Services Terminals with a Document Driven Interface". As addressed in its Abstract, the document driven interface is based upon providing "a set of interface documents, such as HTML documents, that define an interface for the financial services terminal." Thus, rather than "reformatting" the "merchant data" as presently claimed so that it is compatible with the existing interface, Antonin describes providing an improved interface. While such an approach may have a variety of benefits, it has the disadvantage of being incompatible with ATMs for which the improved interface is not provided by upgrade or otherwise.

Additionally, the steps of such an upgrade system appear to be potentially onerous or not cost effective. As described by Antonin, an interface application consistent with his interface document approach is "located in each of the financial terminals."

As discussed in greater detail in connection with his Fig. 6, Antonin addresses the provision of a browser or other interface application in step 424 as part of a method of configuring a financial services terminal. As further explained at par. [0097], "[a]ny browser capable of displaying the interface documents and accessing the applets associated therewith may be employed." Among its several aspects the present intention advantageously avoids such a configuring or reconfiguring process by "reformatting" as presently claimed.

More particularly, claim 1 now recites "reformatting including translating the merchant data into a native format compatible with the preexisting interface software of the ATM" that controls a display of the ATM, for example. Claim 10 recites that "said merchant data comprises order confirmation data, and the translated order confirmation data is utilized to display the order

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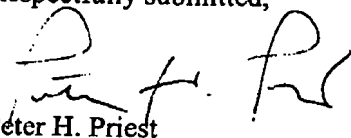Reply to Office Action of June 12, 2007

confirmation data on the display of the ATM." Claim 11 addresses control of an ATM printer to

print a receipt. New claim 50 further recites "selecting only a subset of said merchant data for

reformatting into the second format". New claims 38-49 recite that utilization of the translated

merchant data "is effectuated without use of a browser."

Adding Shooks to Antonin does not cure Antonin's deficiencies as a reference, with

respect to claim 1, as amended or with respect to the other independent claims. Shooks teaches a

system of communication between a customer and an electronic commerce website, allowing for

stored value information to be transmitted to an electronic commerce website on direction by a

customer. Shooks does not teach translating data for transmission between an ATM and a

vendor.

Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims, as amended, appearing to define over the applied

references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

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